

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are currently pending in the application. The specification has been amended to correct a clerical error in the Brief Description of the Drawings, wherein the term "claim" has been corrected to read "Fig." in the description of Fig. 7B. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-48 are subject to a restriction requirement. In particular, Species I is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 2, Species II is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 3, Species III is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 4, Species IV is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 5, Species V is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 6, Species VI is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 7A, Species VII is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 8, and Species VIII is allegedly illustrated in Fig. 9. In order to comply with the present restriction requirement, ***Applicants hereby elects species I, and asserts that at least claims 1-24 and 39 are associated with species I.***

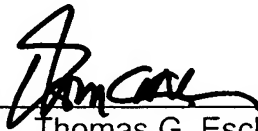
In addition, applicants respectfully disagree that no generic claim exists, and submits that claim 1 is generic to claims 2-43. Consequently, upon allowance of claim 1, applicants submit that all claims associated with generic claim 1 be brought back into the application for consideration thereof.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, EATNP160US.

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